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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5975
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INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO JAMES MATTSON, ILAB, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF LABOR DEPARTMENT AREA ADVISOR

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES MATTSON VISIT. HOWEVER, SINCE ISLAMABAD IS A GOVERNMENT TOWN ONLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT HE SLIGHTLY REARRANGE HIS TIME IN PAKISTAN. WE THINK HIS FIVE DAYS IN COUNTRY WILL BE MORE USEFUL IF HE VISITS SUCH URBAN LABOR CENTERS AS KARACHI AND LAHORE, WHERE HE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET LABOR LEADERS AND OBSERVE CONDITIONS. TENTATIVE NEW SCHEDULE FOLLOWS:

ARR RAWALPINDI 1100 MARCH 6 VIA PK 784 FROM KARACHI DEP RAWALPINDI 1100 MARCH 7 VIA PK 617 FOR LAHORE (ETA 1200) DEP LAHORE 1115 MARCH 9 VIA PK 303 FOR KARACHI (ETA 1255) DEP KARACHI 1745 MARCH 11 VIA IC 442 FOR NEW DELHI

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2. WHILE IN ISLAMABAD, GROSSMAN AND KAMBERIS WILL BRIEF MATTSON AND ARRANGE CALLS ON APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS. WHILE IN LAHORE, MATTSON SHOULD CALL ON RAMATULLAH CHAUDHRY, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ALL-PAKISTAN FEDERATION OF LABOR, AND BASHIR BAKHTIAR, PRESIDENT OF THE ALL PAKISTAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS. WE WOULD ALSO ASK CONGEN LAHORE TO ARRANGE A TRIP TO MULTAN OR FAISALABAD,

SO THAT MATTSON MAY TOUR TEXTILE MILLS AND MEET LOCAL LABOR LEADERS. ON THE KARACHI LEG MATTSON SHOULD SEE MOHAMMAD SHARIFF, PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS. AND HE SHOULD CONSULT AT THE CONGEN.

- 3. FOR MATTSON: WE REALIZE THAT THIS IMPOSES MORE TRAVEL-TIME ON YOU BUT BELIEVE THIS IS A MUCH MORE PRODUCTIVE USE OF YOUR TIME THAN FIVE DAYS IN ISLAMABAD. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF CHANGES SUIT YOU. WE HAVE MADE LOCAL PLANE RESERVATIONS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD HAVE YOUR PLANE TICKETS WRITTEN IN WASHINGTON TO REFLECT THE NEW SCHEDULE.
- 4. FOR LAHORE: IF MATTSON APPROVES, PLEASE ARRANGE HIS MEETING WITH CHAUDHRY AND BAKHTIAR. IF A QUICK TRIP TO MULTAN OR FAISALABAD CAN BE ARRANGED, PLEASE DO SO AND LET US KNOW THE DETAILS.
- 5. FOR KARACHI: PLEASE ARRANGE A MEETING WITH SHARIFF. WE BELIEVE THAT CONSULTATIONS AT THE CONGEN WITH OFFICERS AND AMIN WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO METTSON.
- 6. FOR KARACHI AND LAHORE: STAT OH
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